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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels was slow to moderate; however, in parts of the Northeast and Midwest, severe winter weather conditions delayed some deliveries and reduced buying activity. Supplies of all sizes were well balanced to short and often moving at premium levels. Floor stocks were in a full range. In the parts structure, trading was fair to fairly good for mid-week trading. Breast items and wings were in good balance to short with good movement. Dark meat was sufficient to well cleared with increased interest for leg quarters, thighs, and boneless cuts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.



GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .75 cents to **79.25** based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.25 cents last year on February 14, 2007.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading:

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	168.00
BREASTS - B/S	146.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	119.50
LEG QUARTERS	43.00
WINGS	125.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall at least steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, best where featured. Food service demand was fair to moderate, at times fairly good into fast food channels. Supplies of whole birds and wogs were in good supply to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was at least moderate for mid-week trading. Breast items and wings were in balance to short and continued to move well. Dark meat was sufficient to closer balanced with leg quarters improved, aided by domestic and export needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fairly good to good for midweek trading. Offerings of most sizes were in close balance and commanding premiums in some instances. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were in good balance to well cleared particularly the smaller size wings; tenders were noted as in tight supply and held with confidence. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for immediate with legs and leg quarters in the best balance.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone remained mostly fully steady to firm. Offers were very limited. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate. Record snow fall in several market areas hampered some deliveries and slowed consumer traffic. Floor stocks in a full range; weights running lighter than desired. Parts trade was intermittent on very light offerings. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings, steady to fully steady on breast cuts, thighs and boneless dark meat; the balance of items were steady.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was fully steady to firm. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Offerings were tight to adequate; availability depended on suppliers. Special sizes and/or cuts were somewhat difficult to find for immediate needs. Buying activity had increased by restaurants; some buyers attributed it to Valentines Day interest. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Floor stocks were about adequate. Trade sentiment was steady overall on parts.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 9, 2008. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 9, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through February 9, 2008 were 1.07 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 02/09/08	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	218,299	212,295	+03
CHICKS PLACED	176,724	170,798	+03

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 22-Mar-08 is estimated at 162.3 million head. This compares to 163.5 million head the previous week and to 161.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 78.01 cents per pound.

FEB 12

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEB 13

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	670	138.00-202.00	-	144.94	BREAST - B/S	600	136.00-205.00	-	145.90
TENDERLOINS	236	131.00-198.00	132-136	134.86	TENDERLOINS	201	133.00-210.00	-	141.53
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	168	55.00-66.00	57-58	58.02	LEGS	221	55.00-66.00	57-58	58.01
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	38.00-43.00	40	39.61	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	421	38.00-43.00	40	40.32
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	847	39.00-45.00	41-42	41.83	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	847	39.00-45.00	41-42	41.82
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	120.00-129.00	122-125	124.10	WINGS (WHOLE)	320	122.00-129.00	124-126	125.73
WINGS (CUT)	120	135.00-138.00	-	137.04	WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	100	105.00-120.00	-	113.95	B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
54.00 - 59.00	55.87	53.50 - 59.00	56.31	55.35

The index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest was fairly good during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breast, wings and tenders were in close balance to short; boneless skinless breast were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Legs and leg quarters were in good balance to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate as snow and ice hampered parts of the Northeast. The market tone was fully steady to firm for bone-in breasts, leg quarters wings and tenders; at least steady to fully steady for the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

FEB 12	CURRENT NEG	WTD	FEB 13	CURRENT NEG	WTD
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG
BREAST - B/S	155-160	149.45	BREAST - B/S	155-160	151.10
TENDERLOINS	135-140	131.45	TENDERLOINS	140	131.46
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	86.58	BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	92.94
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	83.51	BREAST - LINE RUN	82	84.33
LEGS	60-61	57.06	LEGS	60-61	58.57
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.88	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	42-43	43.34
DRUMSTICKS	52-53	60.21	DRUMSTICKS	52-53	60.81
THIGHS	55-56	61.82	THIGHS	55-56	63.04
B/S THIGHS	118-119	121.88	B/S THIGHS	118-119	122.49
WINGS (WHOLE)	127-128	129.19	WINGS (WHOLE)	128-129	132.27
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.89	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	11.61
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.69	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.21
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	47.00	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	47.73

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS	
	02/13	02/12	02/11	02/08	02/11	02/08	(1,000)	02/04	
Alabama	3,884	4,237	4,104	4,050	5.46	5.36	4,154	5.53	
Arkansas	4,887	5,028	4,744	4,540	5.52	5.24	4,794	5.43	
Delmarva	2,288	2,234	1,969	2,205	5.73	5.59	2,258	5.86	
KY-LA-TN	2,475	2,447	2,246	2,379	5.14	5.05	2,396	5.12	
Mississippi	2,950	2,894	3,085	3,707	5.75	5.92	2,607	5.89	
North Carolina	2,921	2,919	2,811	2,748	7.08	7.08	2,755	6.88	
Texas	2,548	2,540	2,563	2,570	5.48	5.34	2,620	5.55	
Total	21,953	22,299	21,522	22,199	5.72	5.63	21,584	5.69	
Mon-Wed	66,358 (A)				65,548 (A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Feb-08 is estimated to be 32,844,000 head up 1.40 percent from a week ago and up 7.44 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,389,000, last year 30,569,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	67-78

DUCKS
RABBITS-WHOLE
RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 126
	DRY PACK 112
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 130
	DRY PACK 110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 109
	DRY PACK 105
DUCKS	204-207

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Feb-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	02/16/08 (1)	Thousand head	02/09/08	Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	168,971(2)		166,284	
Light hens	1,315		1,235	
Heavy hens	1,562		1,571	
Total	171,848		169,090	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Feb-08 is 167.0 million head compared to 160.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.3 million head or 2.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 23-Feb-08 the estimated available is 168.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 02/11/08	82,533		93,925	
AM 02/01/08	70,926		85,345	
CHG	11,607		8,580	
PCT CHG	16		10	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/11/08	02/04/08	02/12/07	02/11/08	02/04/08	02/12/07
PACIFIC COAST	2,978	3,033	1,756	8,428	8,299	8,525
LOS ANGELES	98	116	172	1,574	1,498	2,293

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS,U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBSAND UP, FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2008

HENS	RANGE	
	ICE PACKED(12 PER BOX)	VACUUM PACKED(6-9 PER BOX)
	73-81	71-94

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 02/05/08

	AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY			RANGE		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.80	.48	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.30	2.00	1.61	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.00	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.60	2.00	1.87	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.75	6.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	183					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending February 8, 2008

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	68.39	160.43	71.77	19.00	4.22	63.33
High	75.99	168.87	84.44	21.11	8.44	63.33
Mostly	68.39	164.65	80.21	19.00	8.44	63.33
SAN JUAN						
Low	67.55	164.65	71.77	16.89	4.22	63.33
High	75.15	168.87	80.21	21.11	8.44	63.33
Mostly	67.55	168.87	75.99	16.89	4.22	63.33
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	68.39	164.65	80.21	16.89	8.44	67.55
High	77.26	173.10	88.66	21.11	12.67	67.55
Mostly	68.39	168.87	84.44	16.89	8.44	67.55
BECERRA						
Low	69.24	168.87	84.44	16.89	8.44	71.77
High	78.10	177.32	97.10	25.33	12.67	71.77
Mostly	69.24	173.10	92.88	21.11	8.44	71.77

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to fairly good for midweek business. Seller offerings were balanced to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 78 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to at times firm. In the parts complex, breast items and wings remained in good balance to short with good movement. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily.

RANGE	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	76-90
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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